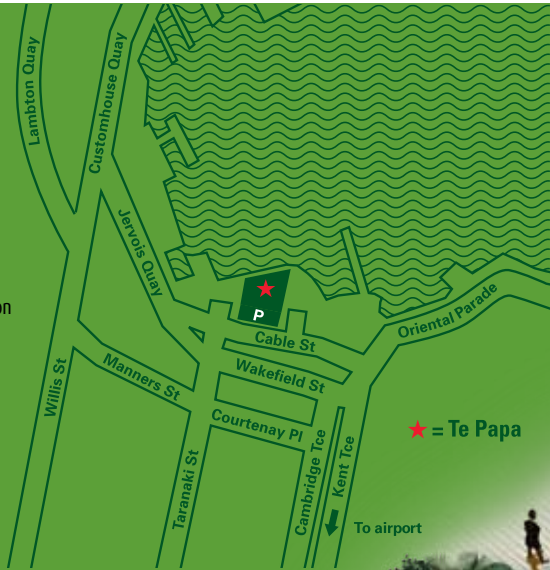


New Zealand



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More than a museum

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OUR PLACE



Experience the treasures and stories of Aotearoa New Zealand at our extraordinary, interactive national museum.

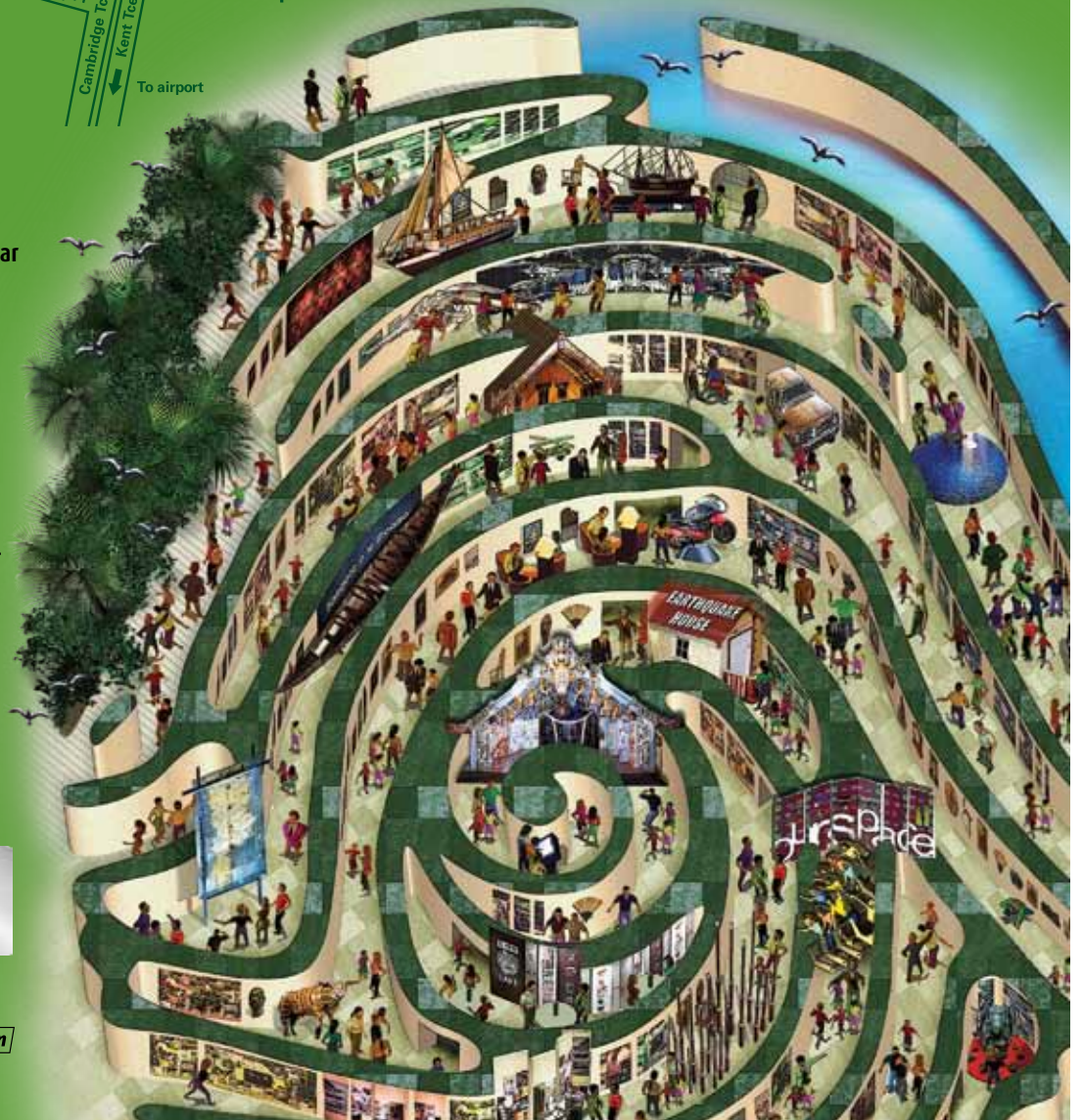
Free entry

Charges apply to some exhibitions and activities.

Open 10am-6pm every day of the year
Late night Thursday - closes 9pm

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Wellington



Nau mai, haere mai!

Welcome to Te Papa – New Zealand's national museum.



Waka huia (treasure box), 1500–1800, maker unknown, wood. Te Papa (0L000003)

Our name literally means 'container of treasures'. Here at Te Papa, you'll discover the treasures and stories of New Zealand's land and people, told with authority and passion.

The Museum is built on a unique bicultural partnership, which recognises and celebrates Māori as tangata whenua – the original people of this land.

Our collections are spread over six floors of engaging, interactive displays. You'll encounter Māori and Pacific cultural treasures, New Zealand's extraordinary natural life, its most important works of art, and its unique history.

This is Our Place. Enjoy your visit.

Museum highlights

OurSpace

Enter *OurSpace* – the digital space that you help create. Bring The Map to life with your footsteps and share your images on The Wall. Then buckle up for The Deep Ride and The High Ride – Te Papa's thrilling motion-simulator experiences. Charges apply to rides. Level 2.



The Map, *OurSpace*

Awesome Forces

Experience the powerful geological forces that have shaped New Zealand's landscape and natural life – and get a real shake-up in the Earthquake House! Level 2.

Mountains to Sea

Sample New Zealand's stunningly diverse animal and plant life, and gasp at Te Papa's famous colossal squid – the only complete specimen you'll see anywhere in the world. Level 2.

Mana Whenua

Experience the richness and complexity of Māori culture through a powerful mix of ancestral treasures and contemporary art. Level 4.



The Marae

Golden Days

This amazing junk shop comes alive with kaleidoscopic visions of Kiwi culture and history. Bookings essential. Level 4.

Art on Level 5

See highlights from New Zealand's national art collection – European and Māori, historical and contemporary. Level 5.

Visitor information

Help and information

The Information Desk, Level 2, offers up-to-date information and a range of visitor guides. You can always ask a Te Papa Host for help – keep an eye out for their bright blue or red shirts.

Short-term exhibitions, events, and activities

Pick up a copy of our monthly calendar from the Information Desk for details of short-term exhibitions, floortalks, performances, and more.

Children and families

Our four Discovery Centres are especially for kids and their families. Check the monthly calendar or website for details of Te Papa's activity programme for kids.

Coats and bags

We offer free, secure storage of coats and bags during your visit. Level 1.

Audio guides

Audio guides in English, Māori, and German are available from the Information Desk, Level 2. Charges apply.

Accessibility

All exhibitions are wheelchair accessible. You can borrow wheelchairs from the coat check on Level 1. For more information, call +64 (0)4 381 7000 before your visit.

Parking

Secure covered parking for cars and campervans is available 24 hours a day at competitive rates. The entrance is on Cable Street.

Collections Online

Browse thousands of objects and zoomable images from Te Papa's collection.

collections.tepapa.govt.nz

Connect with us

Be the first to hear the latest at Te Papa.



www.tepapa.govt.nz



Free Wi-Fi hotspot

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Guided tours

Te Papa tours are fun, informative, and inspiring – perfect for first-time visitors or those wanting an in-depth experience.

Introducing Te Papa

Discover Museum highlights in this 60-minute tour led by one of our knowledgeable Hosts. Book on the day at the Information Desk, Level 2. Tour delivered in English.

Adult \$14, child (15 years and under) \$7

Summer timetable (1 November – 31 March)

Tour runs daily at 10.15am, 11am, 12 noon, 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm. Extra tour Thursdays at 7pm.

Winter timetable (1 April – 31 October)

Tour runs daily at 10.15am, 12 noon, and 2pm. Extra tour Thursdays at 7pm.

Private group tours

Looking for some extra insight? We offer a range of private guided tours, or you can contact us to tailor a tour to your interests or needs.

For bookings and enquiries, phone +64 (0)4 381 7111 or email tours@tepapa.govt.nz

Te Papa Tour





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Cafes

Relax and refuel in one of our two cafes, featuring the best of local food and beverages.

Te Papa Cafe

Enjoy fresh food and delicious drinks, including light meals, espresso coffee, ice cream, and selected wines and beers. Take in the peaceful surrounds of *Bush City*, Te Papa's living exhibition, from the outside seating area. Open 9am-5pm. Level 1.

Level 4 Espresso

Sit back with a coffee or wine and a slice of one of our delicious cakes in the heart of the Museum, surrounded by our national treasures. Open 10am-5.30pm (8.30pm on Thursdays). Level 4.



Shopping

Take home your own treasure! Whether you're shopping for a uniquely New Zealand gift or a memento for yourself, you'll find something special at one of our fabulous stores.

Te Papa Store, Level 1 and Brandon Street

Gifts with soul – Like our Museum, Te Papa Store is filled with amazing items that each have a story to tell. You'll find an inspired collection of jewellery, art, taonga (Māori treasures), books, and prints, showcasing the best of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Shop online at www.tepapastore.co.nz

Te Papa Kids' Store, Level 2

Feed their imaginations – Our fun and educational toys and gifts thrill kids of all ages. We have stunningly presented New Zealand stories, challenging puzzles and science kits, T-shirts, and the cuddliest colossal squid toy available anywhere in the world.



Pendant by Hepi Maxwell, carved pounamu

Explore Te Papa



Street view of Te Papa

Level 1

This is the entrance to the Museum. Find safe storage for coats and bags, or access an ATM (money machine).

Te Papa Store features works by some of New Zealand's finest artists.

Te Papa Cafe offers fresh food and drinks for the family, plus a play area.

Bush City is a living exhibition that brings New Zealand's lush natural environment into the city. Cross a swing bridge, visit a glow-worm cave or wetland, climb a lava flow, or dig for fossils.

De Surville's anchor (on the wall inside the Entrance) links to the Pacific voyages of French explorer de Surville and early contact between Māori and Europeans.



Images above (top to bottom):
The High Ride, *OurSpace*
The Colossal Squid, *Mountains to Sea*
The Map, *OurSpace*
Dinosaurs, *Awesome Forces*



Blood, Earth, Fire

Endeavour cannon, about 1750–60, by Joseph Christopher



Level 3

Blood, Earth, Fire* | *Whāngai, Whenua, Ahi Kā reveals the dramatic transformation of the New Zealand landscape – from untouched environment into cultivated land. Explore the plants and animals that existed here before people arrived. Be immersed in the birdsong of a 1,000-year-old dawn chorus.

Through beautiful taonga (Māori cultural treasures), learn about the nurturing properties of Papatūānuku (earth mother). Navigate the interactive maramataka (Māori lunar calendar), and see strikingly beautiful places in the film *My Place*.

The *Endeavour* cannon links to the Pacific voyages of British explorer James Cook and the first significant contact between Māori and Europeans.



Toki pounamu (greenstone adze blade), 1300-1500, iwi unknown

Level 2

The Information Desk offers up-to-date information on exhibitions, events, and all our facilities. You can also buy tickets for our daily tours.

Awesome Forces lets you experience our unique natural environment. Learn how plate tectonics, earthquakes, volcanoes, and water have shaped New Zealand's landscape. Get shaken up in the Earthquake House, see eruptions on the big screen, and watch Papatūānuku, the Māori creation story.

Mountains to Sea presents fascinating stories about New Zealand's animals and plants, from kiwi to kauri. Explore our six major ecosystems – mountain, forest, freshwater, coast, open sea, and deep ocean. Visit Te Papa's colossal squid specimen and explore its life through a 3-D movie.

NatureSpace Discovery Centre offers nature-related games and activities for kids and families.

Te Papa Kids' Store is full of delightful gifts for children.

OurSpace is an exciting interactive zone that explores New Zealand identity. Discover The Map, The Wall, and motion-simulator experiences The High Ride and The Deep Ride.



Kiwi



Bush City

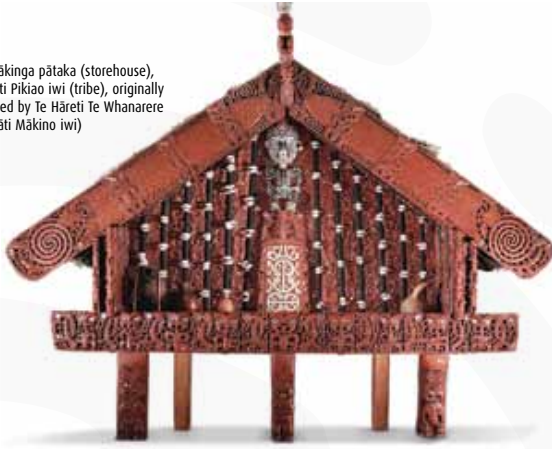


Blood, Earth, Fire



Weta

Te Tākinga pātaka (storehouse),
Ngāti Pikiao iwi (tribe), originally
carved by Te Hāreti Te Whanarehe
(Ngāti Māhino iwi)



Three artworks by Paratene Matchitt



Poutokomanawa (carved centre post), iwi unknown



Bottle, 1976-79, by Peter Stichbury

Level 4



Mana Whenua conveys the vitality and diversity of Māori culture through stories and taonga (cultural treasures).

Rongomaraeroa, Te Papa's contemporary marae (communal meeting place), was created by leading Māori carvers. It welcomes people from around the world.

Signs of a Nation tells the story of the Treaty of Waitangi, New Zealand's founding document.

Passports celebrates New Zealand's cultural diversity with compelling stories of the immigrants to this country.

Tangata o le Moana: The story of Pacific people in New Zealand uncovers the depth of Pacific influence in this country. Explore the stories, treasures, and achievements of Pacific people here, and learn about the relationship between New Zealand and its Pacific neighbours.

Golden Days is an amazing junk shop that comes alive with a 12-minute interactive presentation. Watch amusing and poignant highlights of the last 100 years of New Zealand history.

Slice of Heaven: 20th Century Aotearoa is about the stories, people, and events that changed New Zealand's 20th century.

Discovery Centres are full of colourful activities for kids and families. There are three on this floor.

- **Te Huka ā Tai** is about Māori culture.
- **PlaNet Pasifika** is a journey into the Pacific.
- **Inspiration Station** explores art and history.

Visa Platinum Gallery houses our latest major short-term exhibition.

Eyelights Gallery offers a changing showcase of rare treasures.

Ilott Room displays a changing selection from Te Papa's collection of works on paper.

Level 4 Espresso is at the heart of Te Papa. Relax in comfort and enjoy drinks and light snacks.

Level 5



Experience New Zealand's rich and diverse artistic heritage. Level 5 is the home of New Zealand's national art collection. Over 300 impressive artworks – both historical and contemporary – are showcased in a series of changing long and short-term exhibitions.



Buildings, 1955, by Milan Mrkusich



Level 6

Discover more short-term art exhibitions at the top of Te Papa. The outdoor terrace boasts spectacular views across Wellington's harbour and city.



Moa

Images below (top to bottom):
The Marae
Tangata o le Moana
Golden Days



Pisupo lua afe (Corned beef 2000), 1994, by Michel Tuffery



Rutu, 1951, by Rita Angus







Poedua [Poetua], daughter of Oreo, chief of Ulaitea, one of the Society Isles, 1785, by John Webber



View of Wellington city



Street view of Te Papa

-  Toilets
-  Information
-  Food and drink
-  Shopping